

CHAPTER 935 – WATER LINES AND HYDRANTS

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SECTION 935.01 EXTENSION PROCEDURES

(a) Water Line Extensions. The cost of water line extensions shall be paid by the developer or individual requesting the water line, except where it is determined by the City that extensions are essential to provide adequate water circulation or fire protection, or are necessary to provide water service to City property.

(b) Larger Water Mains.

- (1) When the City requires water mains larger than eight inches in diameter to be constructed within the Municipality, the difference in the cost of materials and the size of pipe over eight inches shall be paid by the City. The difference in cost shall be determined by the City Engineer, based upon project invoices and current City water works material invoices, as recorded in the office of the Director of Administration.
- (2) When the City requires water mains larger than eight inches in diameter to be constructed outside the corporate limits of the Municipality, the entire cost of the extension shall be paid by the applicant - developer.

(c) Prior Agreements. Agreements which have been entered into between the City and a developer prior to April 8, 1968, wherein the City agreed to share the cost of water line installation are not affected by subsection (a) above.

(d) Extension of Water Lines. Water lines shall be extended the full distance across the development, tract or lot that is to be serviced; i.e., to farthest point of the lot line.

(e) Size of Water Line. The size of a water line shall be determined by the City Engineer, based on requirements for the satisfactory servicing of present and future areas to be serviced.

(f) Water Lines to Become City Property. All water lines after installation, shall become the property of the City and all maintenance thereon shall be the responsibility of the City.

All connections thereto must have proper City approval. All property owners shall be required to take out and pay for the necessary permits for making connections to existing water lines.

However, the City shall not issue permits for connections to properties for which no owner has contributed to the cost of constructing the line to which they are connecting until such owners have remunerated those who constructed or had the line constructed in accordance with the following regulations.

- (1) Within a period of ten years from date of construction, such remuneration shall be paid to the person, persons or corporation responsible for the initial construction of the water line.
- (2) Such remuneration shall be based on one-half of the actual cost per foot of the original construction of the water line; that is one-half per each side of the street serviced. Payment shall be based on eight-inch diameter pipes, or smaller.
- (3) Evidence, in writing, must be furnished to the City that satisfactory remuneration has been made before a permit shall be issued.
- (4) In event of a disagreement between the parties regarding the amount of remuneration, the Board of Control shall have the authority to determine the amount of remuneration which must be paid before a permit shall be issued.
- (5) If the person or corporation responsible for the initial installation of the water line is deceased, or if the corporation is dissolved, their rights for remuneration shall cease to exist and shall not vest to their heirs, successors and assigns.
- (6) When the conditions or circumstances exist, as set forth in subsection (f)(5) above, and when the ten year period has passed, the property owner desiring to connect to water lines which he did not pay for shall be required to remunerate the City at the rate of four dollars (\$4.00) per front foot before a permit shall be issued.
- (7) The remuneration as set forth in subsections (f)(1) and (f)(6) hereof, shall apply only on lines installed after December 31, 1955, by private owners or developers and after December 31, 1965, for all lines installed by the City.

(g) Costs. The entire cost of the installation and the cost of the fire hydrant and materials, plus ten percent (10%), to be installed outside of the corporate limits shall be paid by the owner or developer requesting the extension of any water line where a fire hydrant is required according to the standards of the City. When it is necessary to install a fire hydrant

within the Municipality by an owner or developer of an allotment or lot, the City shall furnish the fire hydrant at its cost and the owner shall pay the cost of installing the fire hydrant.

(h) Extensions. Any extensions beyond the City limits must have the approval of Council by means of the necessary and proper legislation before any construction can be undertaken.

SECTION 935.02 CONNECTION CHARGE OTHER THAN BY ASSESSMENT

(a) Fee Where Connection Cost is not Paid by Assessment.

- (1) Where a connection is made into a waterline, the front foot cost of \$25.00 shall be paid into the City Treasury before the connection may be permitted.
- (2) Upon authority of the Director of Finance and the Director of Administration, on a case by case basis, a payment plan or payment plans may be established for the connection and tap-in fees for residential single owner occupied premises connecting to preexisting waterlines of the water system of the City, located within the corporate limits of the City, and with said payment plans not to exceed one year.

(b) Water Tap-In Fees.

- (1) Water tap-in fees for City water Customers, are hereby established as follows:

Meter Size (Inches)	Inside City (USD)	Outside City (USD)
5/8"	\$255.00	\$308.00
1"	355.00	458.00
1 ½"	605.00	833.00
2"	800.00	1,125.00
3"	1,148.00	1,647.00
4" Compound	2,910.00	4,290.00

Small Taps	Inside City (USD)	Outside City (USD)
1" Tap	\$970.00	\$1,275.00
2" Tap no meter	1,275.00	1,675.00

Large Taps	Inside City (USD)	Outside City (USD)
4" Tap on 6" Line	\$1,435.00	\$2,053.00
4" Tap on 8" Line	1,440.00	2,060.00
4" Tap on 12" Line	1,520.00	2,180.00
6" Tap on 6" Line	1,625.00	2,338.00
6" Tap on 8" Line	1,650.00	2,375.00
6" Tap on 12" Line	1,700.00	2,450.00
6" Tap on 16" Line	N/A	2,455.00
8" Tap on 8" Line	1,850.00	2,675.00
8" Tap on 12" Line	1,895.00	2,743.00
8" Tap on 16" Line	2,280.00	3,320.00

12” Tap on 12” Line	2,800.00	4,100.00
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- (2) Costs for large taps are based on six hours labor. If there is extra time involved, there is an extra cost of \$95.00 per hour inside the City and \$115.00 per hour outside the City.
- (3) The contractor shall do the road opening and road repair on all taps and is responsible for all digging and backfilling on taps.
- (4) The contractor shall be responsible for the cost of all material and labor and other costs associated with water service from the water main to the meter. The City shall tap the water main.

SECTION 935.03 EXTENDING WATER LINES TO FARTHEST POINTS

The regulations of the Board of Public Affairs are hereby approved requiring property owners requesting the Board or Council to extend water lines to their properties, to extend the line to the farthest point of their lot line from the point of connection.

SECTION 935.04 MINIMUM COVERAGE DEPTH FOR WATER LINES

All new installation of water lines, lateral and main lines, shall be installed at a minimum coverage depth of four feet, for residential, commercial, industrial properties and all other users. The Water Division shall inspect all installations before final approval is granted for every new installation.

SECTION 935.05 SPECIAL WATER LINE CONNECTIONS PERMITTED

The Director of Administration is authorized to permit individual connections onto the twelve-inch water line running from a point near the pump station on Easton Street in Plain Township to a tract of land owned by Walsh College located in Plain Township, in accordance with existing water line regulations.

SECTION 935.06 REPAIRING FROZEN WATER LINES

The cost of thawing or repair of any frozen water lines from the curb line to any buildings shall be at the expense of the owner or owners of the buildings.

SECTION 935.07 USE OF WATER FROM FIRE HYDRANTS

(a) No person except an authorized agent of the Water Department or the North Canton Fire Department or a person with a special permit issued by the Director of Administration shall disturb or tamper with any fire hydrant or any part thereof or take any water from hydrants under any circumstances. This section applies to all hydrants connected to the North Canton water supply system.

(b) Installation of a meter and backflow device for all bulk water customers using water from a City hydrant, meter fees and refundable equipment damage deposit can be found under the provisions of Section 937.05 Bulk Water Charge.

SECTION 935.08 SALE OF WATER OR SANITARY SEWER SERVICE OUTSIDE CITY BOUNDARIES

(a) All applications for water or sewer service for locations outside City boundaries require the Water Board and chair of the Water, Sewer and Rubbish Committee's approval.

(b) The Water Board and chair of the Water, Sewer and Rubbish Committee shall evaluate each application, and while considering foremost the City's best interest, they may:

- (1) Reduce or waive the cost to place water and sanitary sewer lines, associated costs, and tap in fees;
- (2) Determine the applicability of inside or outside water rates;
- (3) Determine the necessity of an agreement between the City and applicant whereby the applicant shall, upon request, promptly sign a recordable annexation petition, creating a covenant running with the land and enforceable against all successors and assigns; and
- (4) Evaluate and approve or deny other applicable and negotiable considerations, that in their sole discretion, are in the City's best interest.

(c) Unless a separate, binding agreement is currently in place, all locations outside City boundaries presently receiving City water or sewer service, shall comply with the provisions of this ordinance.

SECTION 935.09 USE OF WATER OUTSIDE RESIDENTIAL PREMISES

(a) The following policy regulating the use of water outside the premises for all residents on the North Canton Water System, in the event it becomes necessary for the Mayor to declare a mandatory conservation period, is hereby established:

- (1) Residents with odd numbered addresses shall be permitted to use water outside the premises on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- (2) Residents with even numbered addresses shall be permitted to use water outside the premises on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- (3) No resident on the North Canton Water System shall be permitted to use water outside the premises on Monday.

(b) Improper Watering During Mandatory Conservation Period. When the Mayor declares a mandatory conservation period, the following penalties shall be in effect for each separate violation of this Conservation Period. Offenses are per calendar year but shall be considered a separate violation for each day a violation occurs.

- (1) First Offense: written warning, sent certified mail (if unclaimed or refused, sent regular mail).
- (2) Second Offense: Excess use fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), must be paid within three days (or first working day if third day falls on a weekend or holiday).

- (3) Third and Subsequent Offenses: Excess use fee of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for the third offense and doubling for each subsequent offense, must be paid within three days (or first working day if third day falls on a weekend or holiday).

(c) There shall be established a committee that shall have the authority to waive the excess use fee in instances where the water use was beyond the control of the home owner. The committee shall be made up of the Director of Administration, Director of Finance and Chief Operator - Water Treatment Plant.

SECTION 935.10 BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE

(a) The Superintendent of the North Canton Water Treatment Plant is hereby authorized to cause the installation of an approved backflow prevention device, if necessary for the safety of the public water system, and to give notice to the property owner to install such an approved device.

(b) The property owner shall, at his own expense, install, maintain, and test an approved device at a location, and in a manner, approved by the Superintendent of the Water Treatment Plant. Failure or refusal or inability to install, maintain, and test said device immediately shall constitute a ground for discontinuing water service to the premises until such device has been installed, maintained and tested in a manner approved by the Superintendent of the North Canton Water Treatment Plant. The definition of "Maintain" includes but is not limited to: repair; overhaul; and replacement. "Test" includes but is not limited to: inspections; operational testing; and/or recertification of such devices at the time of installation or repair, but at least once every twelve months or more often as required by the Superintendent of the North Canton Water Treatment Plant. Any inspection, testing and recertification must be performed by a person so qualified and approved by the Superintendent of the North Canton Water Treatment Plant. The property owner shall maintain records of such inspections, tests, repairs and/or overhauls of the devices and make them available to the Superintendent of the North Canton Water Treatment Plant.

(c) It shall be the duty of the Superintendent of the North Canton Water Treatment Plant to have inspections, surveys and investigations to be made of industrial, commercial, and other properties served by the public water supply where actual or potential hazards to the public water supply may exist. Such surveys and investigations shall be made a matter of public record and shall be repeated annually or as required by the Superintendent of the North Canton Water Treatment Plant.

(d) The use of the approved backflow preventer at the water service connection does not in any way affect or eliminate the need for individual fixture devices or air gaps as required by the Ohio Building Code.

(e) The Superintendent of the North Canton Water Treatment Plant, or his duly authorized representative, shall have the right to enter at any reasonable time, any property served by a connection to the public water supply or distribution system of the Water Department for the purpose of inspecting the piping system or systems thereof. On demand, the

owner, lessees or occupants of any property so served shall furnish the Superintendent of the North Canton Water Treatment Plant any information that he may request regarding the piping systems of water use on such property. The refusal of such information, when demanded, shall be deemed evidence of the presence of improper connections as provided by this section.

(f) The Director of Administration is authorized to develop, implement, and maintain administrative policies, guidelines, and fees governing the testing of backflow prevention devices pursuant to the provisions of this Section.

SECTION 935.99 PENALTY

(a) Whoever violates any provision of this chapter except Section 935.07, is guilty of a minor misdemeanor; a separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

(b) Whoever violates Section 935.07 is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.